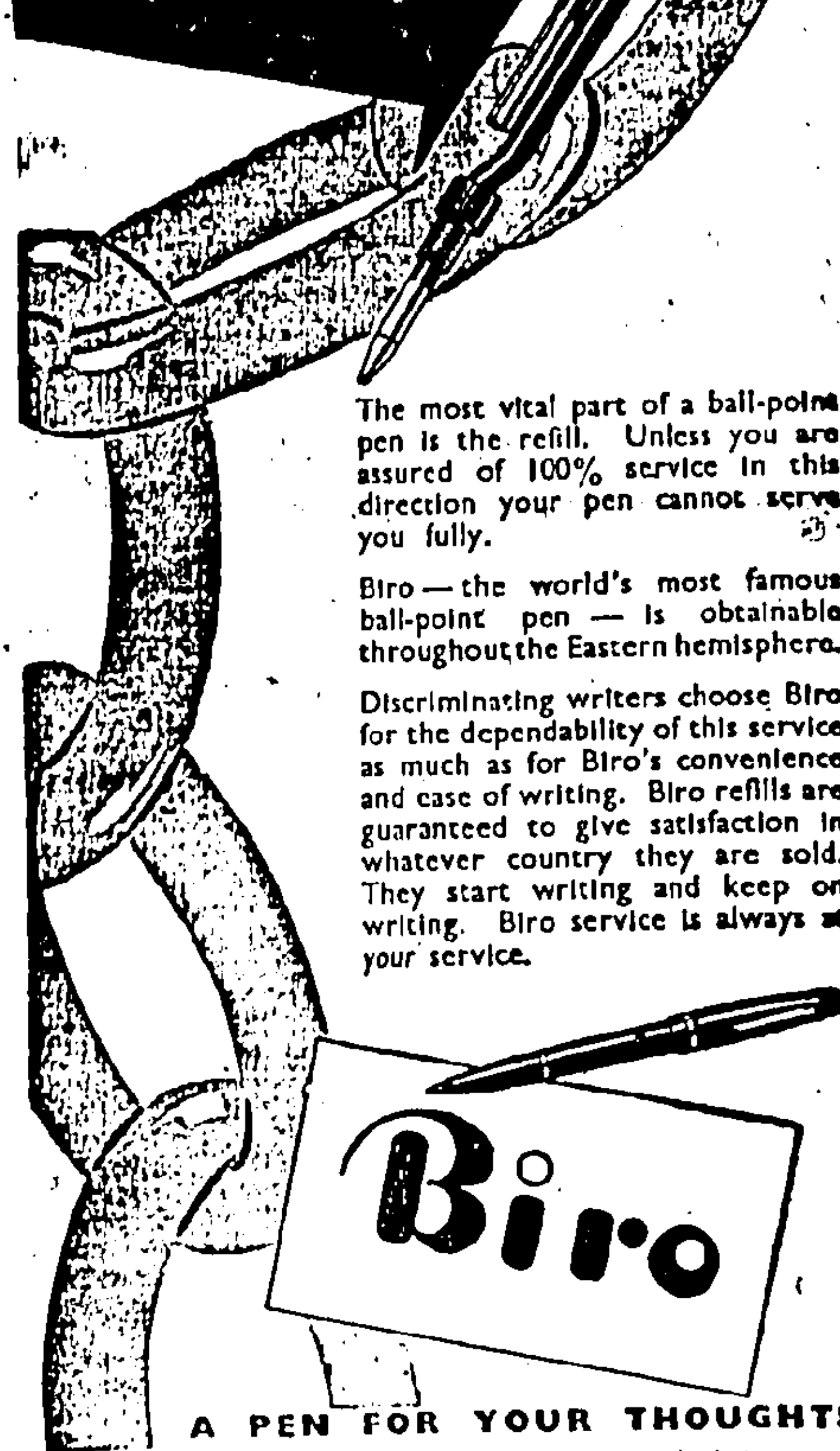


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THE DOCTOR FIXED HIM

Bristol, September 10. A young Bristol electrician, badly burned in a factory explosion, murmured, "Fix me up good doctor, because I must get married on Saturday," as he was carried in the hospital on a stretcher.

That was six days ago.

Today, Bernard Griffith, aged 23, wearing a special flesh pink mask, which the house surgeon made for him, was married to 21-year-old Joyce Mills. The gauze mask had holes for Bernard's eyes, nose and mouth.—Associated Press.

Bonn Peace Meeting A Failure

Bonn, September 10. A "peace" meeting between West Germany's Right and Left leaders failed today to produce a common front for the election of a Federal President on Monday.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher, Chairman of the Leftwing Social Democratic Party (SPD), said that his Party deputies would come to a final decision on Monday.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, Chairman of the Conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU), emerged from Dr. Schumacher's office with this brief statement: "We have exchanged views on the election of a Federal President."

"Was there any agreement?" reporters asked. "We exchanged views," he repeated.

Dr. Adenauer is the prospective Chancellor of a Rightwing coalition government.

His deputies said he went into the conference hoping to get SPD support for Professor Theodor Heuss, Chairman of the Rightwing Free Democratic Party (FDP) for the Presidency.

Rightwingers believe they have enough votes to elect the scholar, white-haired Heuss. But they wished to avoid a ballot fight over the Presidency on the Parliament floor.

"Above Politics" They argued that the office should be "above politics" and that the President should be elected with a show of unanimity.

The SPD deputies meeting on Sunday is expected to determine whether the Socialists will put forth a candidate of their own or simply abstain from backing Heuss.

By offering a candidate of its own, the SPD could give a display of opposition strength before all eyes focussed on the election.

Even though their main went down to defeat, the margin might be small enough to impress upon the Rightwing coalition that the opposition was a force to be reckoned with.

CDU deputies were still hopeful, however, that the SPD would repent and make the election a ceremony rather than a contest.

"Negotiations will continue," said Karl Arnold, CDU President of the Upper House. "We still hope there will be an overwhelming majority for the Republic's first President."—Associated Press.

The inaugural meeting of the Civil Airlines' Staffs and Workers Union was held at 45 Sa Po Road, first floor, Kowloon City, yesterday in which more than 300 members of the Union attended.

Mr. Lang Shut-san, chairman of the Union, who presided, in his inaugural speech pointed out that the aims of the Union are to unite all airline workers with the object of improving working conditions, and to promote the understanding and co-operation between the workers and the managements.

Britain U.S. May Try To Call Jap Peace Conference

(Continued from Page 1)

Diplomatic sources here acknowledged that a treaty without Russian participation would create a difficult defence problem for Japan. Some officials feel that Japan could be defended from Okinawa or from bases within Japan itself which might be recovered to the Allies by the treaty.

The French Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, is expected to join the Acheson-Bevin talks next week. Mr. Bevin is expected to ask Mr. Acheson exactly what America would do in the event of a Chinese Communist attack on Hong Kong.

French Interest

American officials cautiously acknowledged the British position in Hong Kong and hint that the United States would consider any Communist move against the Crown colony an "act of aggression" and support any move to chastise the Communists in the United Nations.

Observers also expect Mr. Acheson to tell the conference that the United States has not yet decided what steps it will take if the Communists attempt to take over Taiwan. United States experts have concluded that the threat to Taiwan while definite is not imminent and no serious Communist efforts to take the island will be launched this year.

Schuman's presence will be of especial significance in view of the increasing importance of French Indo-China in the battle to halt Communism at the Chinese border. American officials said the French-sponsored Nationalists in Indo-China have done far better than expected. However, they said the situation is still critical.—United Press.

Senator Smith To Visit HK

Washington, September 10. Republican Senator Alexander Smith, one of the leaders in the Senate fight for more military aid to anti-Communist China, said today he would consult with General MacArthur during his forthcoming Far Eastern trip regarding the advisability of visiting Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

After visiting MacArthur in Tokyo he would probably go to Korea, the Philippines and Hong Kong, Sen Smith said.

"I've always felt we should seek the means of resisting Communism clandestinely if necessary to hold back Communism and prevent its slipping over into Burma and other Far Eastern areas," he declared, adding that he was working on a more acceptable China programme that would aim to heal the breach within the Senate Special Arms Committee.—United Press.

Mr. Lang said that the Union will promote technical knowledge and raise the educational level among the members of the organisation.

After the Union's Officers were sworn in, Mr. Ken Baker, Assistant Labour Officer, gave a short speech and said that it was a great pleasure for him to attend the inaugural meeting of the Union.

Mr. Baker, in his speech, encouraged the committee and the members of the Union, and wished them every success. He further said that should the committee of the Union need any advice from him or from the Labour Office, they would only be too glad to render them their assistance.

Future Is Great

A wooden frame which bears the Chinese inscription of the "Future Is Great" was presented to the Union by other Trade Unions in Hong Kong.

After a group photo of the members of the Union as well as many guests was taken, the burning of firecrackers concluded the meeting.

The Union at present has more than 300 members, the majority of whom are workers of CNAC and CAC.

The newly elected officials of the Union are: Lang Shut-san (Chairman), C. Y. Wang and Robin Lou (Vice-Chairmen), and C. Chien, Y. P. Wei, L. Z. Loh, Z. L. Liang, Y. S. Chi, T. S. Tai, L. C. Woo, G. T. Maung, Z. Turkum, C. C. Fung, F. C. Yuan, Y. K. Chang, A. H. Chen and K. C. Huang as Executive and Control Committee.

The Union's headquarters is at 33, Sa Po Road, second floor, Kowloon City.

ITALIAN STRIKE WORSENS

Rome, September 10. About 1,600 passengers for New York were stranded in Naples today as dockers in the port joined a three days old lightning strike by seamen, demanding higher wages, at Genoa.

The passengers were to have boarded the liners Vulcania and Atlantis, now strike-bound at Genoa, where the crews of four other ships are also idle.

Crews have also walked off two ships at Trieste, Giuseppe Giulet, Seamen's Union chief, today refused to meet Giuseppe Saragat, Minister of Shipping, in Genoa for discussion of the dispute.

He declared that the Minister had ordered that he should not be allowed aboard strike-bound ships for talks with the crews. Describing this allegation as a pretext, Saragat returned to Rome, leaving the negotiations at a complete standstill.

The seamen claim that agreements made after a strike three months ago have not been implemented by the shipowners.—Reuter.

Fatima Club Marks Anniversary

The Fatima Club, an association affiliated to the St. Margaret's (Catholic) Church parish yesterday evening celebrated its first anniversary with a dinner party held at the Club Lusitano.

The Club is a Catholic girls' association which was founded and registered last September. The Committee members comprise Miss M. de Silva, President, Miss C. Xavier, Vice-President, Miss C. J. Chang, Honorary Secretary, and Miss C. Reza, Honorary Treasurer.

The chief aims of the Club are to spread religious devotion and teachings among its members as well as to provide outdoor and indoor recreational facilities for them. Numerous dances, swimming parties and social gatherings have been organised by the Club during the past months.

The Club also has its own Softball and Badminton teams.

The Reverend Father O. M. Liberatore, rector of St. Margaret's and Spiritual Director of the Club, opened the dinner yesterday which was attended by about 200 members and their friends.

SCAP To Probe Report On Flyers

Tokyo, September 11. General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, is investigating reports that the Chinese Nationalist Government is recruiting Japanese flyers to fight the Communists, a senior SCAP official told Reuter-AAP today.

The official added that it was possible a few Japanese flyers have been smuggled into Taiwan but he was of the opinion that no large number was yet involved.

The authorities are at present seeking Lieutenant General Hiroshi Nemoto, former Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese expeditionary forces in North China, who has been reported to be commanding the Japanese flyers' group.

General Nemoto was reported to be somewhere in Japan after his return from Taiwan. He is on the purge list and the Japanese Government should know of his whereabouts at all times.—Reuter.

Noted Commentator Criticises U.S.

London, September 10. Major-General J. F. C. Fuller, famous British military commentator and author of many books on warfare, today criticised some American conceptions of any future war against Russia, which, he said, meant atomic bombs for the Americans and hell and Tommy for the rest of the world.

The United States' Major-General Fuller declared in the Sunday newspaper "The People," was preparing to fight the last war over again and on even more destructive lines.

He quoted General Omar Bradley, United States Chief of Staff, as holding that strategic bombing is America's allotted task; whereas the task of the Western European nations is to hold the frontier of Western Europe.

Major-General Fuller asked if the other nations would agree to it.

"And even if they do, are they capable of holding a frontier from the North Cape to Trieste, without adding Greece, Turkey and a few other oddments?"

Not Enough Men

"Unless Western Germany with her 60,000,000 people and Spain with her 28,000,000 are combined with the rest of Europe, Europe has not

the manpower to resist Russia and her satellites.

"France wants the battle for the defence of Europe fought as far to the East of her as possible. But, illogical as the French always are, they will not hear of a re-armed Germany, the only power which can conceivably fight such a battle."

Major-General Fuller said that the opponents of Russia went wrong in seeing the world problem as a military problem and not as a revolutionary problem; a question of force and not a question of ideas.

"Though it is possible by force to win a war, the more it is won by force, the more impossible it becomes to establish a profitable peace for peace."

Philippine Official Honoured At Party

"Amidst the silvery waves and the murmuring winds of Repulse Bay, it is my great pleasure to be accorded this rare privilege as recipient of a distinct honour by the Filipino nationals of the Colony," said Mr. Leon T. Garcia, Vice-Consul for the Philippines in Hong Kong, at a tea-dance party given in his honour yesterday.

The party, held at the Repulse Bay Hotel, was organised by Filipinos in Hong Kong. It was attended by more than 100 members of the Philippine community as well as many guests.

Mr. Garcia arrived recently in the Colony to take up the post as the Philippines' vice Consul in Hong Kong. He had been Vice Consul in Shanghai and Amoy.

The party yesterday, with music provided by Frank Carpio and his band, proved a great success. Mrs. Rosario Gutierrez, wife of the band leader of the Ambassador Ballroom in Hong Kong, and Mr. Jose Corrales (baritone) provided good entertainment with their singing.

The reception committee, headed by Mr. Emilio Salonga, (Chairman) also contributed to the success of the occasion.

Among those present were the Philippine Consul and Mr. Jose V. Rodriguez, Mr. Dolfin Garcia, Philippine Consul in Canton and Second Secretary to the Philippine Legation in China, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Tiburoc C. Bala, Mr. Jose Corrales, Mr. Mariano Ruiz, officer Philippine Legation in China, Lieutenant-Colonel Eulogio Bano, Military Attaché to China, Mr. Emilio Domingo, Technical Assistant, Philippine Consulate, Hong Kong, Mr. Mario Vasquez, manager of the Oriental Enterprise in Hong Kong, and official printer of the Philippine Consulate in Hong Kong, Mr. J. M. Ferrer, Venezuelan charge d'affaires in China, and many others.

YUGOSLAVIA'S DELEGATION TO UN LEAVES

Belgrade, September 10. Yugoslavia sent off to the United Nations Assembly today a powerful delegation led by Foreign Minister Edvard Kardelj.

He said it would make its own decisions there on the spot in the interests of the people and the country.

In an exclusive interview with the Associated Press, Mr. Kardelj said Yugoslavia has no plans to bring the question of Cominform provocations and hostile Soviet notes before the UN.

"We see no necessity for doing so," he explained.

Kardelj was asked whether recent developments in the row between the Russian-dominated Cominform and Yugoslavia would make any difference in Yugoslavia's actions in international councils.

He said that it would not and that Yugoslavia's attitude on current world problems would be determined on the question of principles as it has in the past.

The Foreign Minister was asked also whether the Russian action in dropping previous support of Yugoslavia's claim for part of Southern Carinthia would have any change in the delegation's attitude.

He repeated that Yugoslav decisions will be made as problems arise and they will be governed strictly by what is in the country's own interest and on questions of principle.

He said that the Yugoslav delegation was taking no specific problems of its own to the Assembly.—Associated Press.

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Picture shows Mr. Leon T. Garcia, Vice-Consul for the Philippines in Hong Kong, during the reception in his honour held at the Repulse Bay Hotel yesterday. ("China Mail" Photo.)

Memorial Service Held For Late Pakistan Leader

A memorial service for the late Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah, the founder and first Governor General of Pakistan, was held at the Mosque, Shelley Street, at 11.30 a.m. yesterday. After the prayers Mr. Sirdar Ali, President of the Pakistan Muslim Society, addressing the congregation, said:

Reminders

Today

H.K. Football Referees' Association Annual Meeting at VRC at 8.30 p.m.
Crown Land Sale at Office of Public Works Department at 3 p.m.
Cocktail Party on board my L.S. Marcelline at Kowloon Wharf, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Army Soccer 1 and at Sookunpo, 5.30 p.m.
Entries close for Hong Kong Jockey Club's Trial Race Meeting, noon.
Po Leung Kuk Meeting to elect directors and president, noon.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
H.K. Rotary Club's Luncheon, Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council Meeting, 4.15 p.m. (Application for licences.)

United Nations Representative For Jerusalem

Geneva, September 10. The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine today appointed Alberto Gonzales Fernandez as the representative of the United Nations in Jerusalem.

Gonzales Fernandez is a member of Colombia's permanent delegation to the United Nations in Lake Success. He will be leaving for Jerusalem in the near future.

As the UN representative in Jerusalem he will be charged with seeing that the future status of Jerusalem is not jeopardised by either side in the Palestine dispute.

The UN resolution provides for the eventual establishment of an international regime over the Jerusalem region.
He will also provide liaison between the economic survey group being sent to the Middle East and the Commission, which will soon move to New York.—Associated Press.

Bull Fights Declining In Spain

Madrid, September 10. Bull fights are declining in popularity in Spain.

Figures up to the end of August show a great fall with 43 major fights less than in the same period of 1948. There were, however, nine more secondary fights, with younger bulls, than last year.

The decline is attributed partly to the general economic situation which is changing from the boom years of a seller's market to a buyer's market—with the buyer very little in evidence.

The temporary difficulties of agriculture and commerce due to the drought and restrictions in electricity supplies also play a part.

There is also resistance from the public to the high prices now asked for admission.—Reuter.

Concert At The Gripps

An enjoyable programme of popular music was presented by the Hong Kong Light Orchestra at the Hong Kong Hotel last night.

Conducted by Victor Ardy and led by Stanley King, the Orchestra made up mostly of service talent played selections requested by the public, giving a well balanced programme of pleasant music.

There were several vocal renditions which included selections from "Dancing Queen" well performed by Hilda Delsky and Elsa Talbot. Dora Chitt, soprano, contributed fully to the evening with a number of songs.

An added favour to the Light Orchestra was the able support of "Beat-Quat" with his keyboard talent.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY

A highway robbery occurred at Aukland, yesterday when two robbers, armed with daggers, kidnapped a Chinese man at Aukland Road, Pokfulam, and escaped with money and jewellery valued at about \$100.



Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Remedios, who were married at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Calne Road, yesterday morning. The bride is the former Miss Irene C. Sequeira. The bridegroom is a popular badminton player. ("China Mail" Photo.)

Wedding At Roman Catholic Cathedral

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral yesterday, Miss Irene C. Sequeira, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Sequeira, became the bride of Mr. J. J. Remedios, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company. The bridegroom, who is prominent in badminton circles, is the son of the late Mr. J. S. Remedios and Mrs. S. M. Remedios.

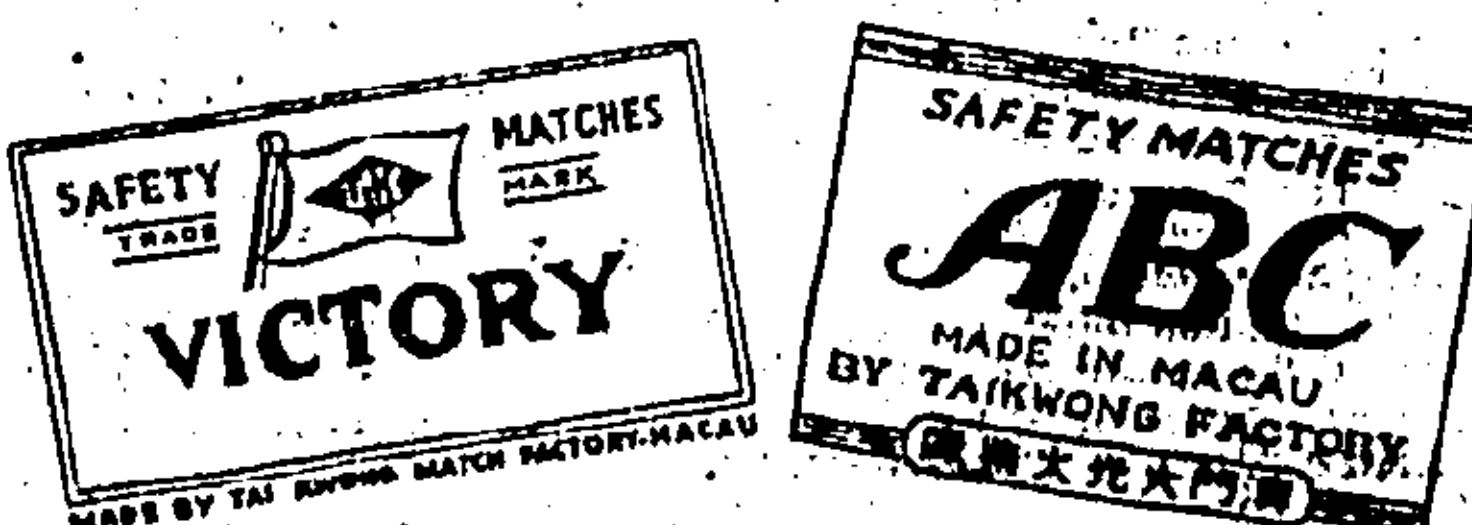
The Reverend Father Barza, Rector of the Cathedral, officiated. The bride's going away dress is of brocaded green and grey French crepe.

The reception was held at noon yesterday at the Club Lusitano in the presence of more than 500 guests. A toast was proposed by the bride's best man, Mr. Pereira, accountant of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino of Macao. The honeymoon is to be spent in Macao.

Misses M. Luz, G. Remedios, and N. Gonsalves were bridesmaids. The three were full skirts of nylon blue, old rose and pink. Miss T. Gutierrez, who acted as flower girl, wore a skirt of blue taffeta and carried pink roses.

The bridegroom's best man was Mr. M. A. Oliveira. For the bride, Mr. P. J. Pereira acted as best man. Master F. Remedios discharged his duties as pageboy.

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Indonesians Refuse Guarantees

The Hague, September 10. The Indonesians have declined to give the Dutch guarantees on their future financial policy, it was disclosed today in the first official progress report of the 18-day-old conference for a sovereign Indonesia.

The cautiously worded statement said the Indonesians considered their fiscal policy to be an internal matter, while the Dutch maintained that certain principles have to be embodied in a possible agreement.

The Netherlands presented a note to the Indonesians comprising 14 fundamental principles which were understood to call for consultation with Holland on monetary, fiscal and trade policy and guarantee for the Dutch economic position in Indonesia.

The report said the conference had proceeded to fruitful and necessary work on the Committee level after the first phase of frank discussion and exchanges of views.

The atmosphere was described as auguring well for the future work of the conference.

Survey Given

The statement gave the following survey of results so far in other fields.

In the Political Committee, discussions have been held in proposals for a Netherlands-Indonesian union and a small work group was set up to prepare further talks.

The military experts have formulated an agenda item providing for repatriation so that at the transfer of sovereignty Indonesia will have "instruments for maintenance of internal security and defence of Indonesia."

The Cultural and Social Committees have held only preliminary discussions.

Cultural relations must be based on complete freedom, voluntary and reciprocity and should have a universal character, it was stipulated.—Associated Press.

TURKISH DENIAL OF PROTEST

Istanbul, September 10.

The Turkish Press Bureau denied yesterday's reports that Turkey had protested to Bulgaria following aggression against the Bulgarian Consulate in Istanbul.

In a statement, distributed by the semi-official Anatolia Agency, the Press Bureau said: "The Bulgarian Consulate in Istanbul was the object of aggression by one or two emigrants and simply requested that an investigation be undertaken."

The Turkish Press Bureau asserted it was authorised to declare not founded reports that Bulgaria sent Turkey a note of protest.

Two Bulgarian anti-government emigrants are reported to have forced their way into Bulgarian Consulate here on September 3 and to have tried to kidnap two Bulgarian emigrants who wished to return home. The police have not so far discovered the culprits.—Associated Press.

DARING ROBBERY IN KOWLOON

A daring robbery occurred shortly after 5 a.m. yesterday when four robbers, armed with daggers, robbed an unnumbered hut at Shek Ku Loong Village, Kowloon City, injuring a Chinese occupant, Fung Chung, aged 35.

The robbers entered the hut, robbed Fung of money and valuables to the value of \$150, and made off when they found nothing else of value on the premises.

Fung made a report to the police and was later sent to the Kowloon Hospital.

Red Dean On Prague Visit

Prague, September 10. Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury (known as the "Red Dean"), declared here today that there was "nothing religious" in the present dispute between the Czechoslovak Government and the Roman Catholic Church.

The Czech official agency quoted the Dean as saying that the dispute was a matter of Vatican policy, which is hostile to this country and that behind the Vatican were the imperialist interests of Wall Street.

Johnson today visited the Central Action Committee, investigating church questions.

During his recent travels in Russia and Eastern Europe, the agency quoted him as saying, he had visited many Roman Catholic churches, and the farther it was from the Vatican the more morality and devotion he found.—Reuter.

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JAMES BOYLE,
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Hong Kong September 3, 1949.

NOTICE
TO THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY

Registration of Portuguese children (beginners) for the Kindergarten School which is to be started on the 19th September, 1949, at the Club de Recreio, King's Park, Kowloon, will be accepted on the 15th, 16th and 17th of September, 1949, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon, at the Club de Recreio. Miss Lilia Gann will be in charge of the Registration.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD

A meeting of the Management Committee will be held at the office (third floor), Union Building, 21, Pedder Street, at 5 p.m., on Monday, September 12th 1949.

GEORGE T. LLOYD,
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Sicilian Nationalists,
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In Fight Against Govt

Palermo, Sicily, September 10.

Sicilian Nationalists today in effect "declared war" on Italy by announcing that they had allied themselves to Salvatore Giuliano, the island bandit king.

The separatists announcement confirmed what they have vehemently denied for five years—that they have been supporting Giuliano with arms and money to harry the Italian government ever since the war.

A separatist headquarters announcement defined Giuliano as a hero of Sicilian independence, and wished him fraternal salutation.

Giuliano, now hiding in the rugged mountains near Palermo, has already declared that he will shortly open war against the police unless they leave him alone. He will now have the help of thousands of Nationalists who have in the past even demanded an independent Sicilian republic. An "army" of friends and informers is ready to protect the bandit and impede the laws in every step.

End Far Away

An officer of the staff of Lugo Luca, commander of the anti-Giuliano police task force, said today that the Nationalist declaration made the final armed battle against the bandit chief more distant than ever.

"The shooting match is the least of our worries," he said. "Before the final showdown we must clear the district of sympathisers and informers. Before we fire the first shot in the final battle every avenue of information and support to Giuliano must be closed."

"It will be a long job. We can count on the support of a number of thinning Sicilians, but the majority are against us." A Sicilian policeman said that local animosity was deadlier than a thousand of Giuliano's bullets.—Reuter.

Conference
At Damascus

Damascus, September 10. Iraq's Foreign Minister, Fadel Jamal, stopped at Mezzeh airport today en route to New York to head Iraq's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, to have a half-hour chat and lunch with Syria's Foreign Minister, Dr. Nazim Koudsi, who met him at the airport.

Dr. Koudsi said they discussed a joint plan regarding questions which might be raised at Lake Success, which they rapidly reviewed.

Jamal had with him Jalal Baban, former Minister of Justice and at present head of the Royal Bureau.

Dr. Koudsi had a short interview two hours earlier with Zafarullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, whose plane stopped for one hour in Damascus, en route to Lake Success.—Associated Press.

Hungarian
Ex-Official
Confesses

Budapest, September 10. The Hungarian Government announced tonight that Laszlo Rajk, former Communist foreign minister, had confessed to plotting with Marshal Tito to assassinate the three top Hungarian Communist leaders and then take over Hungary by force.

"I was told by the Yugoslav Minister of the Interior, Alexander Rankovic, that the people's democracies must be unified with Yugoslavia and Marshal Tito at the top," Rajk said according to the Hungarian public prosecutor. Rajk and seven co-defendants will go on trial Friday on charges of treason and espionage.

The indictment charged that the conspirators were attempting to make Hungary a colony of Yugoslavia with the backing of "American imperialism." It indicated that all had confessed. The prosecutor's announcement quoted Rajk as saying in pre-trial testimony "I maintained consistent and systematic contact with American agents." According to the indictment "Rankovic gave Rajk instructions from Tito on how to liquidate the present leadership of the Hungarian Communist Party and the Hungarian state."

Ingenuous Plan

Earmarked for assassination were Vice Premier Matyas Rakosi, Minister of Defence Mihaly Farkas and Head of the People's Economic Council Erno Gero, the indictment stated. It charged that this ingenious plan was organized by Tito and repeatedly discussed by Tito and Rankovic and Rajk, with Rankovic crossing the border illegally at one time to meet Rajk secretly in Hungarian soil.

"You have to think over the possibilities of this liquidation," Rajk quoted Rankovic as telling him. "You could produce an accident in the case of one, and the second could commit suicide. The third could die suddenly because of illness. Or you could kill them suddenly in their homes and give a plausible explanation later."

Another defendant, Lazar Brankov, former Yugoslav charge d'affaires in Budapest, was reported to have confessed, saying "Our spying organisation penetrated every branch of the Hungarian state apparatus, the army and police and also the leadership of the Communist and Social Democratic Party."

Prosecutor Cyula Alapi is the same prosecutor who handled the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty.—United Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 7th Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 24th September, 1949, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 15th September, 1949.

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SAK 64
H 9 5 4 3
D 7 5 4 3
C 7
S 10 8 6
H 9 7
D A K 9 8
C A 8 5 4
(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)

West North East South
1 C Pass 1 S Pass
2 H Pass 2 NT Pass
South opened his diamond 8 against that contract, the Q winning and the club 2 coming back. When East put on the J, South decided to hold up his A in order to see what North would play on the next trick. East repeated the suit with the 10, on which South came in with his A and watched to see if North discarded. He did, the spade 5, which was the highest spade he could afford. But it looked low to South. So the latter, after taking in the diamond K, A and 9, avoided spades in what he considered obedience to North's discouraging discard.

He returned the heart 8 instead. That enabled East to gain a top score on this tournament deal, with four tricks in hearts, four in clubs and one in diamonds to give him an overtrick.

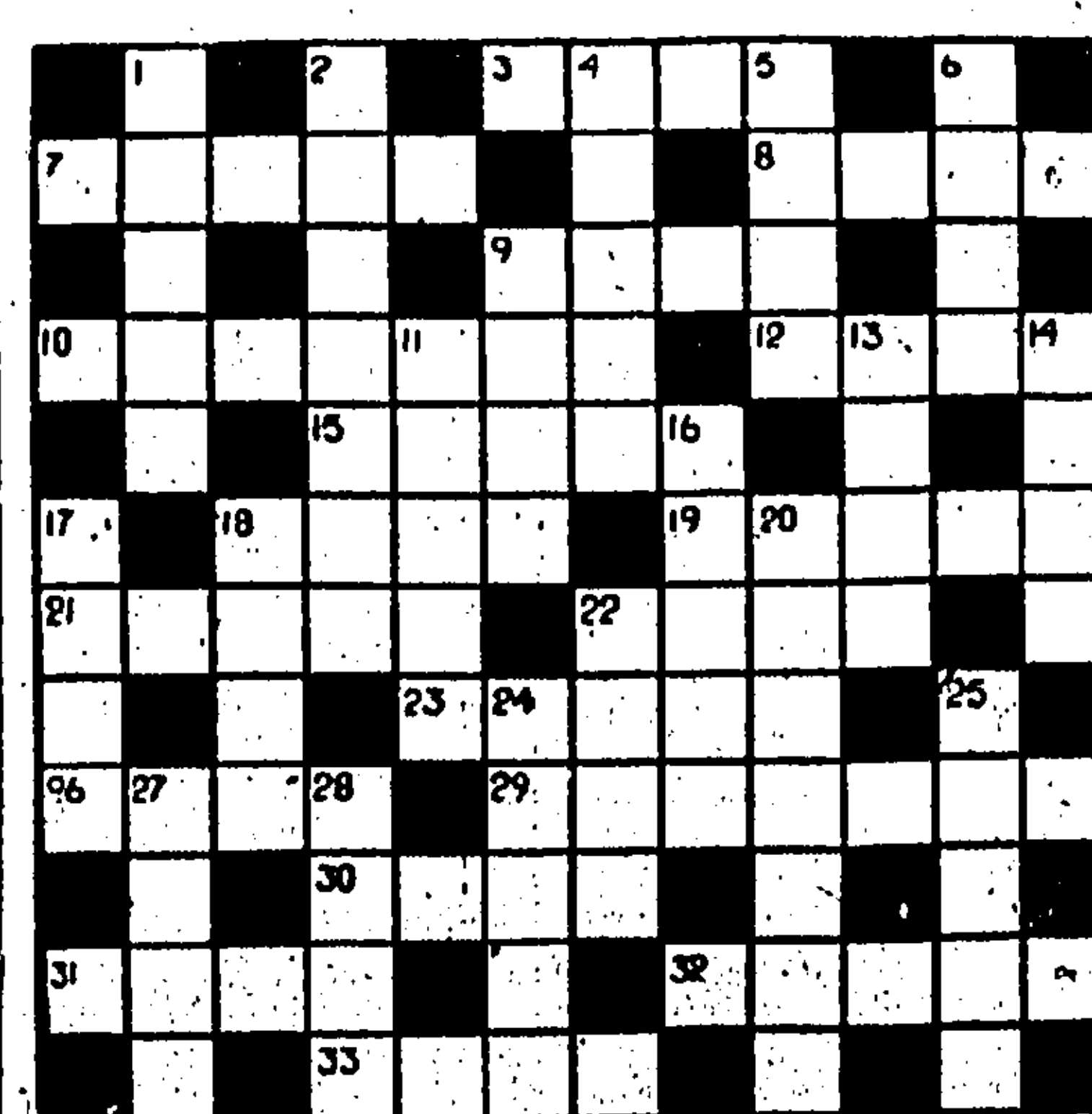
North's desire for a shift to spades could have been made crystal clear by discarding his heart 3 instead of the spade 5. The 3 would have been obviously his lowest since the 2 was exposed in the dummy. That discouraging South to return a spade after raking in three diamonds, and the contract would thus have been set with two tricks in spades, three in diamonds and one in clubs.

At most tables West got into the 2-No Trumps instead of East. After opening with 1-Club and receiving a 1-Spade response, the West players considered their hands too weak for 2-Hearts, so bid 1-No Trump. In most cases East raised that to 2-No Trumps, which took a one-trick beating because the dummy showed Jack of spade tops.

Tomorrow's Problem
SK J 9 5 2
H K 5
D K J 5 2
C 9 6
S 10 7 4 3
H 2
D A Q 10
C K J 7
3 4
S 8 6
H A J 10 7 4 3
D 9 7 4
C 3
(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)

If South had made a pre-emptive heart overcall, then led the A and switched to a spade, how should East play for 5-Clubs?

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Across

3 Replete. 19 Occurrence.
7 Hesitate. 21 Residence.
8 Way out. 22 Highest point.
9 Oven. 23 Numeral.
10 Young animal. 26 Manager.
12 Face. 28 Thawing.
15 Slender. 29 Couple.
18 Most super. 31 Nought.
32 Average.
33 Throw up.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS: 1. Precis. 7. Arid. 9. Belle. 10. Moral. 11. Arms. 13. Re-compense. 15. Idle. 16. Tied. 19. Remembered. 27. Spar. 28. Aside. 33. Sever. 34. Mince. 37. Tussle.

Down

1 Antic. 16 Drive back.
2 Expunged. 17 Meat.
4 Join. 18 Lads.
5 Loan. 20 Dare.
6 Tale. 22 Assert.
9 Retained. 24 Sends out.
11 Levels. 25 Rage.
13 Mountain. 27 Sign.
14 Departed. 28 Espy.

DOWN: 1. Halls. 2. Cream. 4. Slimmer. 5. Parasite. 6. Filthy. 8. Rhed. 12. Emend. 13. Balm. 14. Ordering. 17. Prizes. 18. Dialect. 20. Basis. 21. Rival. 22. Fall.

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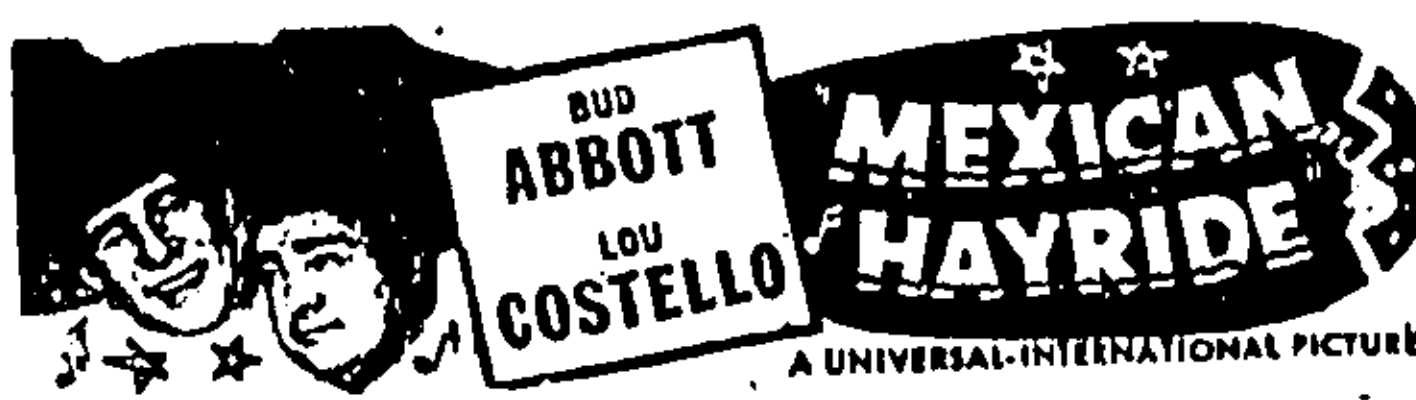


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SCAP's Autonomous Rule Of Japan To Continue

Tokyo, September 10.

General Douglas MacArthur will continue to exercise the "widest range of autonomy" in administering the occupation of Japan.

Mr. Tracy S. Voorhees, the Under Secretary of the Army, made this point clear during a press conference summarising his two weeks' visit here.

There will be no changes he said, in the Army policy of allowing the fullest possible latitude to its theatre commanders without "backseat" advice from Washington. In future, he added, there will be "a minimum of formal directives" from the Pentagon.

The statement was regarded here as full support for the MacArthur regime. Some recent rumours have said Washington officials might assume more direct control of Japanese affairs. Others have reported moves to put civilians in control of civil occupation affairs.

Mr. Voorhees said the question of trade between Japan and Communist China was largely academic because China has no export surplus.

Discussing the question of enlarging the Japanese police force, Mr. Voorhees said he believed General MacArthur was satisfied with the present size and its ability to control any trouble with the occupation troops' aid. He said SCAP feels the police have made great improvement in organization, training and equipment and the improvement will continue.

Mr. Voorhees said there is no consideration of supplanting the military occupation force with State Department or other civilian control.

Civilian Personnel
He said that no change in the combat strength of the occupation forces is contemplated. American civilian personnel, however, may be reduced by 20 per cent next year, and—General MacArthur approved—by more.

A 20 per cent reduction also is likely during the next fiscal year in the amount of American funds appropriated for relief and rehabilitation in Japan. The total of appropriations for this year is expected to be \$400,000,000 plus another \$20,000,000 for the Ryukyu islands.

Mr. Voorhees added that he expected progressive reduction in Japan's relief funds year by year. He declined to speculate when Japan might become economically self-supporting but said progress has been remarkable.

Mr. Voorhees declared that the "inherent humanity of the Americans was responsible for the occupation of Japan and Germany," adds Reuter.

Never before in history has a victorious nation treated the vanquished as General MacArthur has treated Japan, and General Clay has treated Germany," he said.

The United States has introduced a new concept of international law for reparations, under which they are not paid by the vanquished to the victor, but by the victor to the vanquished.

Mr. Voorhees declared: "Two great civilised peoples had fallen into evil ways under evil leadership."

The United States realised that these (the German and Japanese) people must be helped and re-educated, not punished.

Mr. Voorhees said that the Japanese had "great vitality and willingness to work" and wanted

AWOL Seaman Gets Four Month

Washington, September 10.

Seaman James Ryan, who claimed he had been "whanged" into the French Foreign Legion, was today ordered to be dishonorably discharged from the Navy after four months imprisonment on charges of being absent without leave.

Rear Admiral Glen Davis, commandant of the Potomac Naval command who reviewed the case, approved the court martial's recommendation that Ryan be reduced in rating to a seaman recruit, but cut the period of confinement from six to four months. Ryan first showed up at Canton last year after he claimed to have fled from French Indo-China where he had been sent.—United Press.

Veterans To Exchange Greetings

Ottawa, September 10.

Fifty delegates representing more than 2,000,000 Commonwealth and Empire service men of the two World Wars will exchange greetings and compare notes on how they are treated when the British Empire Service League meets in conference here tomorrow.

The delegates, about half of whom served in 1914-1918, and half in World War II come from Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Antigua, Barbados, Fiji, the Gold Coast, Guyana, Nigeria, Nyasaland, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, Trinidad, Rhodesia and St. Kitts.

Also attending are the military attaches of India and Pakistan in Washington.

One of the main questions for discussion is that of reciprocity—the granting of benefits by Australia, for example, to men and women who served with the forces of Britain or another Commonwealth country.

British delegates are expected to take the lead in asking that complete reciprocity be established on a government level. At present ex-service organisations extend complete reciprocity, but in some cases governments do not grant equal treatment to those from another Commonwealth country.

The question of seeking reciprocity with the United States may also be discussed. The meeting will continue for a week.—Reuter.

YEMEN PROTEST AGAINST BOMBING

Cairo, September 10.

Sheikh Mohamed Abdullah El Emari, head of the Yemenite delegation to the United Nations, today lodged a protest with Mr. E. R. Chapman Andrews, British Minister to Egypt, over an alleged Royal Air Force bombing inside Yemenite territory.

An RAF communiqué announced last night that RAF bombers yesterday attacked Yemenite tribesmen who occupied a customs house at Naddi Margad, a village three miles inside the Aden area.—Reuter.

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SEARCH FOR NOAH'S ARK ABANDONED

Istanbul, September 10.

Aaron J. Smith, leader of an American expedition seeking the "remains of Noah's Ark," said today that his search had ended in failure.

A dispatch to the Turkish newspaper "Vatan" from Mount Ararat, where the search had been conducted, said adverse weather had forced the expedition to abandon its search after 15 days and that the party would head back for Istanbul today.

The paper quoted Smith as saying he was confident the Ark could still be found, and that he hoped to return at some future date to continue the hunt.—United Press.

NEW MARK FOR MODEL PLANE

Worcestershire, September 10.

Elfminder today claimed a new world record for model airplanes with a speed of 91 miles per hour established by a machine powered with a 2.5 cubic centimetre motor.

The previous record was 80 miles per hour.

Today's flight was at a model aircraft rally here to mark the beginning of "Battle of Britain Week", commemorating the defeat of the German air offensive nine years ago.—Reuter.

Russia Charged With Death Of German Refugees

Berlin, September 10.

East German refugees charged Russia today with having killed and deported more than 3,000,000 Germans from Polish occupied Germany.

More than 8,000 East German refugees demonstrated in the British sector today demanding release of 2,000,000 Germans reported to be still in Soviet prison camps. The meeting was arranged by the West Berlin anti-Soviet "Fighting Group against Inhumanity."

"We appeal to the whole civilised world to help 10,000,000 East German refugees to get back to their homes beyond the Oder-Neisse line and to support East Germany in its fight against inhuman Soviet suppression," said Dr. Alfred Gille, leading representative of East German refugees.

He accused the British military government in Germany of "sabotaging a plan to resettle 24,000 East German refugees in the British zone."

British Veto
"The International Red Cross had agreed to resettle these refugees from the Polish occupied provinces in the Western zones. The British authorities vetoed this resettlement in a last minute decision," said Dr. Gille.

Dr. Gille said that another winter in Polish occupied East Germany would mean the death of many thousands of these Germans.

Dr. Rainer Hildebrandt, head of the group, said that Germany could never recognise the Oder-Neisse line as her final Eastern border.

"The Soviets have proved unable to occupy a civilised European nation," Dr. Hildebrandt declared.

"The 13 concentration camps in the Soviet zone wreck people the same way as they did under Hitler. But the Russians are more clever. They do not use gas chambers, they let the people starve to death. It takes a bit longer, but serves the same purposes."—Associated Press.

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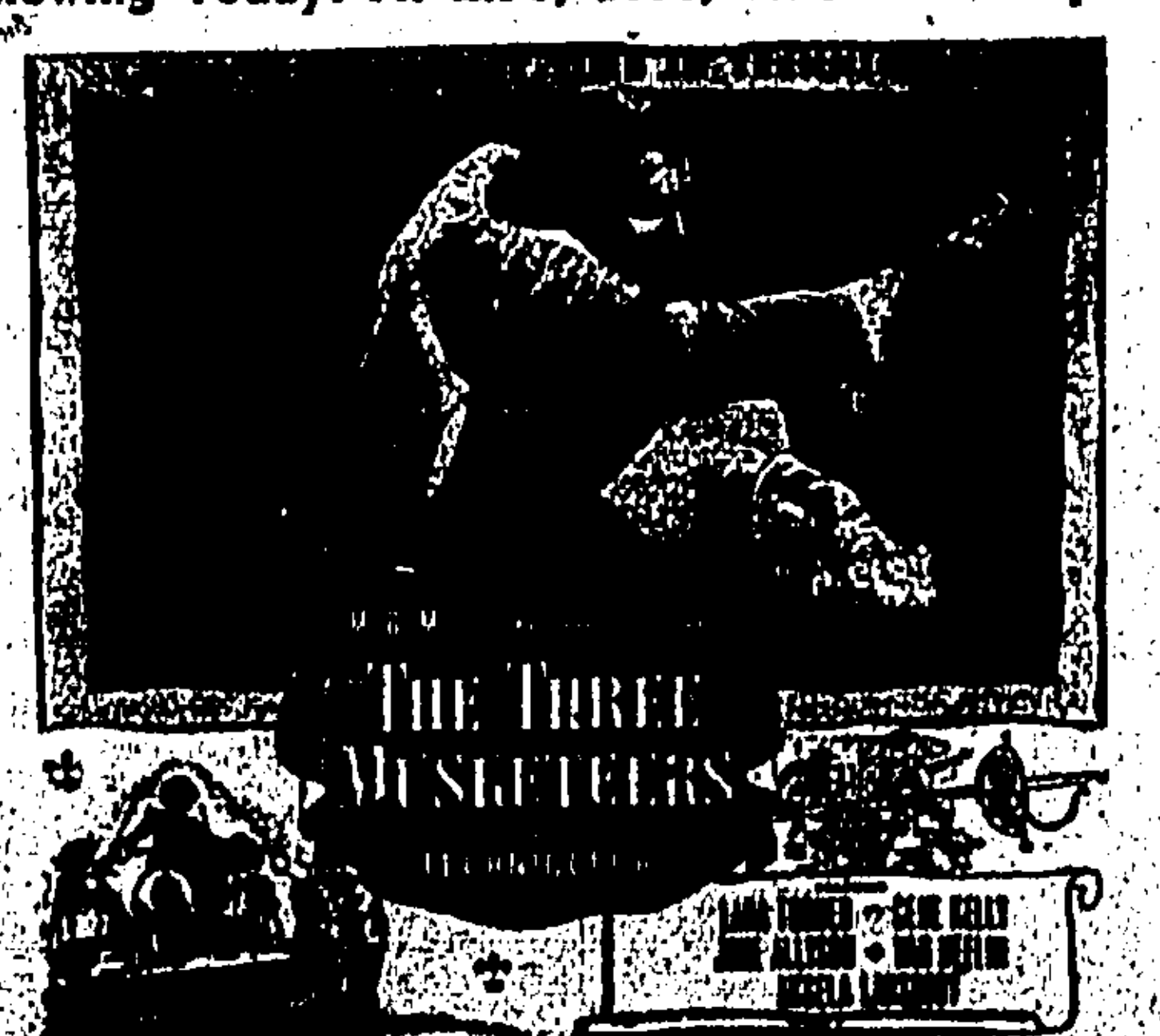
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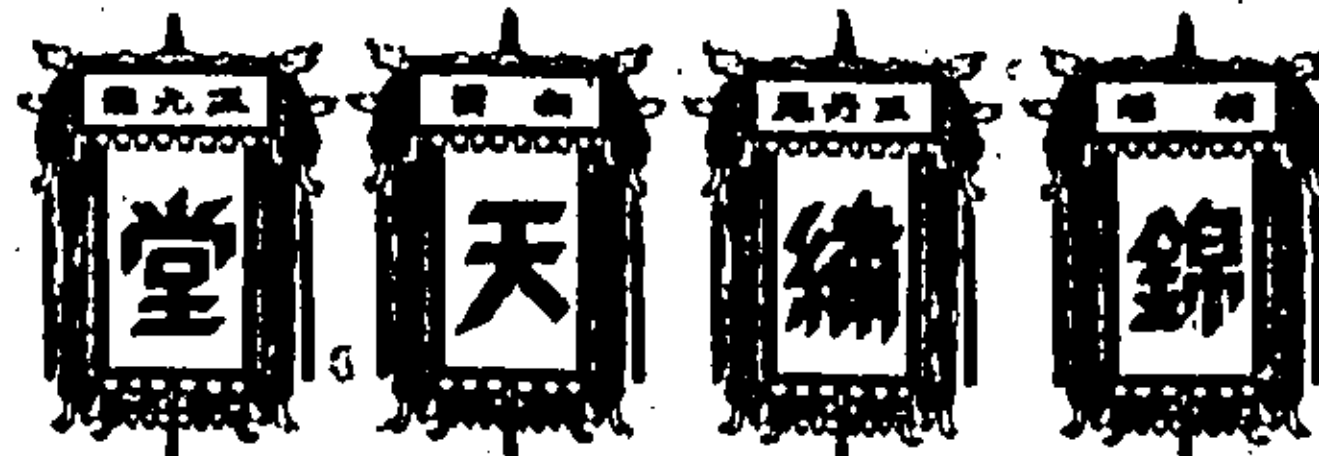
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LOGICAL MOVE

The sweeping reductions in the United States' diplomatic and consular representation in Communist-held areas of China, announced by the State Department on Friday, should come as no surprise. Washington has decided to close the Consulate at Hankow and withdraw the entire staff, while the staffs of the American Embassy in Nanjing and the American Consulate in Shanghai will be reduced by a half. A brief explanation by the State Department said that the decisions had been taken in view of the attitude of the Chinese Communist authorities towards foreign diplomatic representatives. The American decision is a logical sequel to the recent closure of the Consulate in Canton. It marks the end of an unsuccessful experiment and writes off as bankrupt the American policy of trying to do business with the Chinese Communists. When the Communists overran Manchuria and then later moved into North China and subsequently the Yangtze Valley, the United States attempted to leave consular officials at what had been their ports in Mukden, Peiping, Tientsin and Shanghai and to leave the Ambassador at Nanking. It was apparently hoped that the could reach some port of modus vivendi with the Chinese Communists and pave the way for rebuilding "American relations with the Chinese people." It was also hoped that they could serve the interests of Americans resident in these areas.

Subsequent actions by the Chinese Communists—including the shutting down of the American information services and the treatment of consular representatives—has proved beyond all doubt that American hopes of normal relations with the Chinese Communists were an illusion, at any rate until the day when a central government of Communist China is formed which could be afforded recognition. Until that time American policy would seem to be to get out and stay out.

Indo-China Future

French hopes that Bao Dai's Vietnam Government would lead to a gradual pacification of Indo-China have so far proved illusory. In fact, in the past week or two there has been an increase in violence culminating in the ambushing of a French convoy—a severe reverse for the French—and further incidents in Saigon. Now comes news that Burma and India are planning to recognise Bao Dai's regime and that the Philippines may follow suit if Viet Nam joins President Quirino's anti-Red union. There is no doubt that recognition of Bao Dai by Far Eastern nations, especially India, would have far more effect on the Ho Chi-minh element than similar action by any Western nation, including the United States. Something of that sort is needed if Bao Dai is to extend his influence in Indo-China.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ITALY?

By DENIS ATHERTON

Throughout a rapid 12-day tour of the country I found myself constantly asking the question—what's wrong with this country? I asked it in each city I visited, in Rome, Venice, Naples, and in industrial Milan.

At first I was too close to my subject. Luxury stocked shop windows, exploding noises and the endless blaze of seemingly prosperous strip lighting in the night sky deflected and blinded the senses.

Each city seemed to have a different answer to my question. Now, on sitting back, like an artist retreating from his canvas, I realise that the answer was always the same. It was only the tempo which differed, the rhythm

of each city, as similar parcels wrapped in different coloured paper will differ.

In word, one can only say of that sunny, lovely country—it has indigestion.

Don't think that I am trying to provide a slick answer by the use of this word. I use it deliberately because it describes the conflicting disturbances and influences within the country which are giving it so much pain, both politically and socially.

At all events, let me play doctor for a few minutes to see if I can substantiate the diagnosis.

"Indigestion"

Indigestion is a sometimes elusive quantity. It can be taken for growing pains, or, to the panicky, an acute appendix. It is always come from eating too much and too well.

Certainly the ragged urchins round the walls of the Vatican City had seldom eaten too well. Never, I should say, too much. Indeed, only the rich can do either. But even the street sweepers wear a watch with 15 jewels and every office boy, or so it seemed, rides to work on a motorised bicycle.

When the clerk goes for his

"elevenes," a small glass of orangeade will cost him 50. But not all luxuries are cheap and not all food expensive. Apples, the cheapest article I ever saw, sell at a penny each. Who wants to live on apples?

That is where Italy foxes you. It is constantly paradoxical. Every advantage has its disadvantage.

Surface Seethed

On the surface I was struck by the seething vigour of life, even in the mid-day sun.

Speed and the motor born, with the scream of burning tyres thrown in for good measure, replace our phlegmatic calm and the foot brake. "Every man for himself" is the Italian version of a busy queue.

Don't play our own radio, we can hear the man's across the street, is the popular idea of how to listen to the wireless.

And everyone keeps up the pace and din until 2 o'clock in the morning.

England in the 1930's? I am a bit too young to remember, but I hope not. The West End may have worn paper hats and blown toy trumpets in the early hours, but not London's suburbs.

Why They Come Back

By DEREK MARKS

As the first fierce red rays of the equatorial sun strike the placid surface of the Indian Ocean liner carefully edges its way out of Mombasa, and the hopes and ambitions of yet another family are dropped quietly overboard without causing a ripple upon the waters of Kilindini Harbour—"the deep place."

Official statistics, published in Kenya recently, show that, excluding tourists and business visitors, the majority of Europeans who left their country for good last year were less than one year's residence there. The report declared: "This would appear to indicate that persons intending to settle permanently are leaving again after a short stay."

On the other hand, I was talking to a former Army sergeant who had taken his discharge in East Africa and was now about to return home. In a few terse phrases he summed up the reasons why the majority of immigrants to Kenya return home as soon as they can: "I am in building and earning £50 a month here. I'd sooner have £5 a week in Bradford any day, and I could do more with it." He was a single man.

More than anything else, the cost of living in Kenya, and particularly in Nairobi, the Colony's capital—is driving would-be settlers back to the austerity of Britain. The tragedy is that new British settlers are a vital necessity to Kenya, and it is a pity that the Colony's capital is driving would-be settlers back to the austerity of Britain.

For young married couples the position seems virtually impossible, unless they have about £3,000 in ready cash with which to purchase a house and land.

In the residential area of Karen, for example, just 10 miles outside Nairobi, where periodical lions from the National Park stage their own safaris on the borders of cattle, it is impossible to buy less than five acres of land—at £250 an acre. A modest bungalow costs about £2,800 to build and then it has to be furnished—a major item when almost all the fittings are imported and subject to duty.

Hotel Life

However, it is only the more fortunate couples who have either the money or the opportunity to buy their own houses. For the large majority it is a matter of living in hotels or lodgings. Two young friends of mine advertised for accommodation a short while ago and received one reply which offered a double room and breakfast for £20 a week and added: "I prefer quiet people who will be in before half past nine at night and who attended a public school."

Wages, of course, are high, the average being in the region of £60 a month for a man and between £25 and £35 for a woman, and because of the high cost of living, most married women go out to work, even when their husbands are earning well above the average salary. There is a growing concern at the lack of home life for young children, who are left after day in nurseries while their mothers are out at work. In many cases it is not necessary for this to happen, but the social life of the Colony, the constant round of entertaining, encourages it.

At night, the flashing neon lights of the Flamingo and the beacons of the pleasure-seekers' clubs, the lions growl and switch their tails as they devour the carcass of a zebra. In their huts in the Native Reserve the Masai warriors play the kuyu. Living side by side, two civilisations, which are 3,000 years apart in time, are each trying to work out their own salvation.

Fantastic Scene

For the young emigrants from England, the scene appears nothing short of fantastic. The smart new cars standing in the shade of the jacaranda trees in Nairobi's Delamere Avenue sparkle in the sun, while down the side streets Kikuyu women stagger beneath immense burdens

of firewood. But the Kenya scene is not all paradox and contrast.

Some of those who come out here are seeking conditions in the pages of Rider Haggard, but which actually existed in the Kenya of 40 years ago. Others are seeking a refuge from the high taxation of Britain, forgetting that taxation is equally high here and that there are no free medical services, no free schooling and almost no public transport.

Half of the Colony's European population lives in the very artificial surroundings of Nairobi, but the other half live out in the bush on farms. It is these latter settlers who have hewn a colony out of the unwilling African soil by the sweat of their brow. They still cling to their Army titles—there must be more Colonels in Kenya than in Kentucky—but in the depression they live on maize and beans. It is this section of the population which needs the invigorating stimulus of the new settler, who is at present being driven away by the synthetic life of Nairobi.

"Paris Of Africa"

Kenya's capital has been called "the Paris of Africa"—a somewhat flattering description—but up in the White Highlands men and women are telling day by day to make the Colony as secure a bastion of the British Empire as Gibraltar.

Already the forces of Communism are beginning their evil work among the simple African peoples, and Indian separatism is encroaching upon the 80,000 Asiatics who have made their home in Kenya.

The obstacles facing the British settler are tremendous, but in overcoming them he is doing more than making his own way in the world, he is helping to build up the resources of a vital link in Empire strategy. "Nairobi is not Kenya," an up-country farmer said to me a short while ago. If more new settlers realised that simple truth the lines of the world would be different. Nairobi would become the repository of so many lost hopes and abandoned opportunities.

Chen Speaks At Peace Conference

Caux Sur Montreux, September 10.

There was still time for America, and the other democracies to save China from disappearing behind the Iron Curtain, declared Dr. Chen I-fu, a Vice-President of the Chinese Nationalist Government, in a message read at today's session of the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament, being held here.

Dr. Chen stated that his proposals to the conference were as follows:

1. Let the United States Government appoint a commission to confer openly with Chinese leaders at any place that the Americans may consider suitable.
2. Let there be included among the Chinese leaders at this conference those patriots who have been sincerely devoted to the freedom of China, and
3. Let the American and Chinese leaders work out together across the conference table, mutually agreed plan, economic and military, dealing with the urgent needs of China in the framework of the broader security of the Far East as a whole.

A special delegation has arrived at the conference by air from Japan, including Mr. Tokutomi Kikumura, former Minister of Finance and General Secretary of the Democratic Party, and Mr. Setsumi Yamada, member of the Upper House and Chairman of the Labour Party.

They are the first members of parliament to leave Japan, alone the war—Reuters.

You find all this confusing? So did I. That is why I diagnosed indigestion, which, after all, is a confusion of the stomach. Even if it would be unwise to rule out those growing pains. What about acute appendix? If my doctoring is up to standard, then this complaint is operable and not really dangerous until something bursts.

At all events, when medicine fails, surgery becomes a necessity. Mild, warm-eyed Giuseppe Stragat's Labour-Socialist Party and finding De Gasperi's Christian-Democratic Government are failing to provide the right medicine for Italy.

Inevitably the pain is increasing as the stranglehold grip of Communism tightens on the worker. And as with England, the middle-classes are on the way out.

Two giants, so thinks the Italian man in the street, in spite of the recent elections, are shortly to face each other. They are Growing Left and Weakening Right. Middle-of-the-Roadism, they will tell you, is going down in a welter of splinter parties that have weakened beyond repair the foundations of a new democracy.

Growing Left will win, everyone tells you. The old structure is spinning crazily. It is useless to look to the Right for reassurance.

"The Times"

Come out from the middle of the vortex, stand on the pavement in Rome's Piazza Colonna and look across the square to a lumpy grey building housing the city's bulwark of Conservatism, the Right Wing "Il Tempo."

That newspaper's blue painted announcement of its tenancy is flanked by two enormous placards bearing the hammer and sickle!

Reason—the newspaper rents its offices from the Communist Party, which owns the building and uses the top floor as its headquarters. You can only enter the various anomalies from this situation for your own diversion.

Have I answered the question: "What is wrong with Italy?" Any man who attempts to do so with convincing finality is a fool. I can only give you my impressions. High life, fast living, poverty, modern buildings, slums, American influence on clothes and cars and over it all, a worried frown. That eternal question, "Where do we go from here?" I knew the answer to that last one.

I came home to England. As once before, on returning from abroad, a great truth dawned on me.

England, in spite of everything, is still a fine country in which to live.

King Abdullah Visits Toledo

Toledo, September 10.

King Abdullah of Hashemite Jordan visited this ancient city of Toledo accompanied by his suite and Viscount Casaral, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs. The King visited Moorish monuments and the ruins of Alcazar, destroyed during the civil war.

Lieutenant Jose Moscarda, defender of Alcazar, explained to King Abdullah the famous episode of the defence of the stronghold. The forces garrisoned at Toledo will parade before King Abdullah before his return to Madrid by car.

The King will be guest of honour at a lunch given by the Mayor of Madrid.—Associated Press.



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Programme To Encourage U.S. Sterling Area Investment

Ministers Adopt Report Of Special Committee DOLLAR DRAIN REDUCED?

Washington, September 10.

The American, British and Canadian financial conference today adopted a programme to encourage investment of American capital in the Sterling Area.

In their first decision to relieve Britain's crucial dollar shortage, the nine Ministers adopted unanimously the report of the "Overseas Investment Committee" which they appointed on Wednesday.

The Committee's report was released by Mr. John Snyder, Secretary of the United States Treasury.

The main points of the agreement reached today were:

(1) The United States will encourage and assist investment projects.

(2) Britain will do everything possible to remove obstacles to investment.

(3) Britain, the United States and Canada will support membership in the World Bank of Sterling Area countries not now members.

(4) The United States will study the possibility of Export-Import Bank loans to Sterling Area countries.

The following is the official summary of the report of the "Overseas Investment Committee" which, now that it is adopted by the full conference, represents an agreement between the three delegations.

"The Committee reviewed both recent experience with the flow of productive investment, both private and public, from the United States and Canada to countries comprising the Sterling Area.

"The Committee also considered the beneficial effects which the Sterling Area might derive, directly and indirectly, from the flow of such investment to other parts of the world, especially to underdeveloped areas.

"The Committee concluded that a properly directed flow of productive investment from the dollar area to the Sterling Area was one of the appropriate instruments for dealing with the current disequilibrium between the sterling and dollar areas.

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Senator Connally Adamant

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The Republicans, who have branded the compromise as no more than an "empty gesture," decided to carry their case for specific military aid to the Chinese anti-Communists to a showdown in Connally's Special Arms Committee and thereafter on the Senate floor.

Senator Connally told reporters, "We can't yield any more," referring to the Administration opposition for more military assistance for China's Nationalist government. He opposed vehemently arms shipments for either Chiang Kai-shek or for independent war lords who are still free of Communist control.

He added that the conference would attempt to finish its work by Monday afternoon, but this was not certain. A joint communiqué would be issued as soon as the conference winds up.

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Acheson, Bevin May Discuss Far East Issue, Red Successes

London, September 10.

The rapidly developing Far Eastern situation is believed by observers here to figure high on the agenda for the political discussions to be held between the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin after the present Washington financial talks.

With rumours of a revolt in Yunnan, there has been a marked increase in the symptoms of nervousness in the past week, both from Thailand and Burma.

Reports are also coming in that Communist China is showing signs of interest in Tibet, lying along the frontier of India in the North.

Highly placed spokesmen from Bangkok and Rangoon have last week frankly confessed to fears that their own Communist elements might derive inspiration from the spreading successes of the Communist forces in China.

They also said in plain terms that they would expect foreign aid in combating these elements.

Mr. Bevin and Mr. Acheson have to decide how much actual support these countries of South East Asia will receive from London and Washington.

Britain's view on the status of Tibet was defined this week by a Foreign Office spokesman who pointed out that in 1943, the British Government informed China in a note that Britain regarded Tibet as an autonomous state, enjoying de facto independence under the suzerainty of China.

He emphasised that recognition of Chinese suzerainty was conditional on the Chinese recognition that Tibet enjoyed an autonomous status.

Since India acquired independence in 1947, British relations with Tibet have been handled by the Government of India and there is no special representative of the British Government in Lhasa.

Future Attitude Apart from these recent impacts on the whole of South East Asia, Mr. Bevin and Mr. Acheson have to decide on their future attitude to Communist China, involving the stages by which diplomatic relations might be taken up.

In usually well-informed quarters here, it was understood that the United States Department of State held much stronger views on the question than the British Foreign Office.

It is believed here that neither government will finally take up the question until a Chinese Government has formally come into being.

Unofficial observers, however, feel that this question may have to be settled by both governments much sooner than many might think. The fact is recognised here that over a large part of China the Communists have established a government, although a formal government has not been proclaimed officially.

A few observers, recently returned from China, believe that this move will not be long in coming. They even suggest that the Communist authorities may make a proclamation on October 10—the Double Tenth of Sun Yat-sen's revolution.

The future of Japan, on which Britain and the United States have not seen eye to eye in recent times, will also come up for a frank and fundamental discussion.

Officials here are convinced that General Douglas MacArthur, as Supreme Allied Commander,

London Suspensions

There is more than a suspicion in London that General MacArthur has cast Japan for the role of an effective and strong counterpoise to the rising Communism in Asia, if not of eventual leadership of non-Communist Asia.

This is a policy which is scarcely likely to be acceptable to other states in South East Asia, in view of the Japanese war record and the experience of the Japanese co-prosperity sphere during the war. It cannot be expected to have any approval from Australia or New Zealand, for instance.

The Far Eastern Commission, of which India is also a member, is yet to endorse this policy. But any talk or half-conscious toleration of the policies of General MacArthur's command can only prove a source of discord among the non-Communist powers with Pacific interests.

Another item which is believed to have a high place on the agenda for the Anglo-American political talks is the delicate situation on the Greek-Albanian frontier, now manned by Greek troops.

Albanian reports indicate that Greek Government commanders were sorely tempted to continue their pursuit of the guerrillas into Albania, a feeling that it would be their only chance of a final liquidation of the civil war.

But a Greek incursion into Albania might be a spark which would set the whole balance alight.

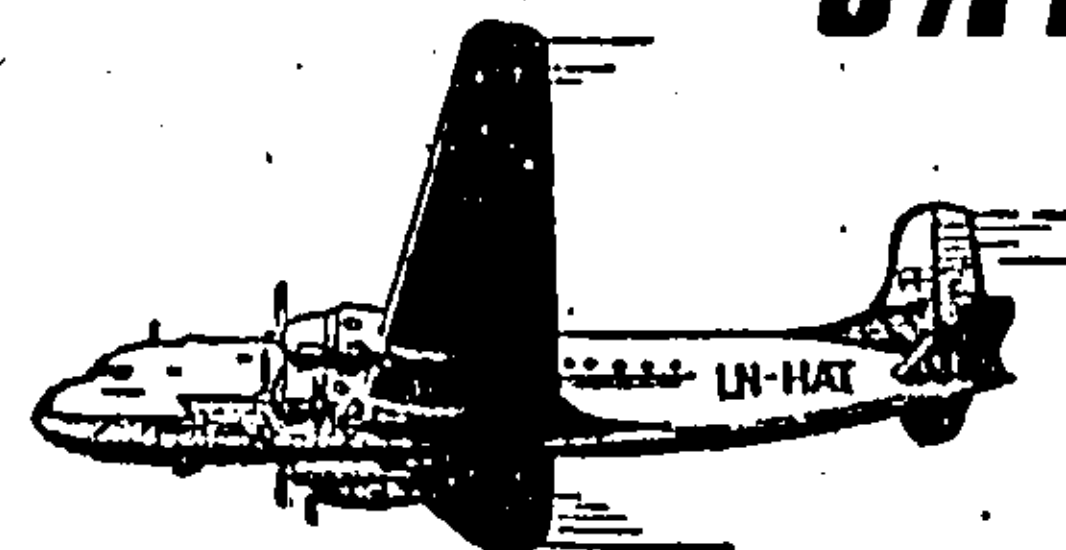
The possibility that both Greece and Yugoslavia may move against Albania in actions simultaneously designed to partition the country has been aimed this week by the authoritative Soviet periodical "New Times."

The article has been read with attention by diplomatic observers in London who tend to draw the conclusion that any move against Albania, even in the name of a "police action" against fleeing guerrillas would attract strong Soviet support for the Albanian Government.

Soviet Moves

While there still appeared to be few Soviet moves against Belgrade that could not be ascribed to a war of nerves, observers thought that the changed Albanian attitude towards the United Nations an indication of apprehensiveness in Tirana.—Reuter.

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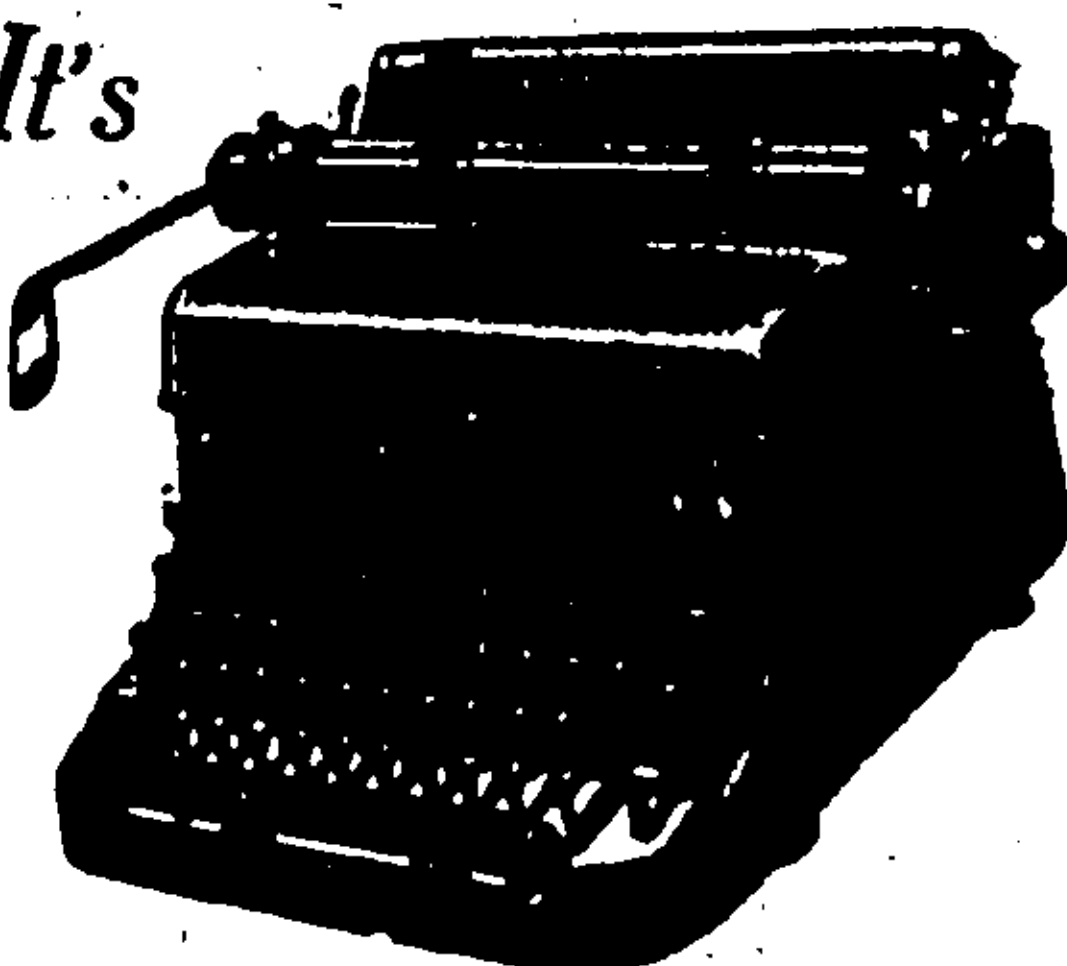
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World Federal Government At Assembly

Lake Success, September 10.

The idea of a World Federal Government is expected to play an important role in the coming General Assembly of the United Nations, perhaps even overshadowing the customary East-West political conflict.

The debate on this issue may be touched off by an Argentine motion, proposed for the agenda, calling for a general conference to revise the United Nations Charter.

While the Argentine motion does not give any specific reason for holding such a conference, it is known that it concerns primarily the power of veto now held by the five Great Powers.

Smaller nations have felt for some time that this power, abused by some Great Powers in practice, should either be curtailed or abolished.

At the same time there is a growing feeling that the machinery of the United Nations has proved itself too cumbersome to deal with the many urgent economic and social problems which face the world today.

The United States delegation will come to the Assembly with the uncomfortable knowledge that the number of supporters of "world government" or "world federalism" has increased by leaps and bounds, both in the American Congress and throughout the country.

The House Foreign Relations Committee is scheduled to hold a special session soon after the Assembly to examine all the "world" proposals which are at present receiving such great publicity throughout America.—Reuter.

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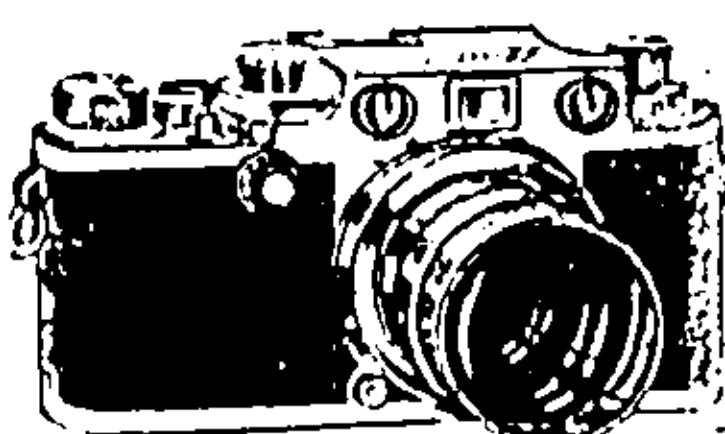
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Marshal Petain In Fine Health, Wife Maintains

His d'You, September 10.

Madame Annie Petain today denied, in an exclusive interview with the Associated Press recently published reports that the 93-year-old Marshal was ailing and might not live through the winter.

"He is fine," she said, "though he suffered during the hot weather earlier in the summer." At the same time she warned, however, "things just cannot go on much longer as they are. He is eating his heart out with loneliness."

Seventy-two-year-old Madame Petain, herself crippled with rheumatism as a result of her four-year stay on the windswept Atlantic island to which the Marshal had ever been gravely ill although he had suffered a lowering of blood pressure during the recent heatwave.

"When the weather is hot, his room at the fort is like a furnace," she said. "The stone walls reflect the heat in through the window. Even at seven in the evening, it is so hot that he is almost suffocated."

But the worst thing was the loneliness, she added. "He never sees anyone except me. Other political prisoners are allowed to talk with their fellow prisoners but he has no one. All prisoners but he does not sleep much any more and gets up at all hours to pace like a lion in his little cell. Sometimes, he spends hours of the night in rearranging his few possessions in a drawer by the light of a tiny oil lantern."

will be others, Mr. Churchill is a great Englishman but there is an Englishman and that is all you can say."

She denied French Press reports that the Marshal's memory was failing so badly that he could no longer remember who was General de Gaulle. "That's just newspaper fantasy," she just newspaper fantasy. "Of course, he is an old man and his memory for recent events is better some days than others. That is to be expected."

Madame said that when the Marshal was told an Associated Press correspondent was on the island, he sent this message: "Please tell him how much I like and admire America."

Porsing's Death

Petaun suffered a great blow in the death of his old friend General Pershing. Madame said. The American Embassy in Paris sent a special message breaking the news to him, most sympathetically and beautifully. But an even greater loss came with the death in a car accident of Dr. Bernard Menetrel, the Marshal's physician, who had long been his closest counsellor and was known as the "grey eminence" of the Vichy regime.

Madame said the Marshal's best friend in his loneliness had been a little fox terrier which he adopted at the fort. "One of the guards took him away," she said. "That was abominable to deprive a prisoner of his only pet. He loved that dog."

Madame said she would visit the mainland for two weeks next month to receive treatment in Paris for her rheumatism. "But I cannot go for longer and leave the Marshal all alone up there," she said.

When she returns the hotel where she lives will be closed for the winter but she will go to a fisherman's cottage nearby and resume her daily visits to the fort, driving there in the ancient French car which was given her by a group of French working men.

Madame declared that of all the many letters she has received since being on the island, not one has attacked the Marshal. "They have not dared that," she proudly said.—Associated Press.

Rediffusion

H.K.T.

A.M.

7.00—Up with the Sun.

7.15—Setting Up Exercises.

7.30—Musical Clock.

7.45—Cinema Time.

8.00—News and Weather Forecast.

8.15—Easy Listening.

8.45—Through the Looking Glass.

9.00—Good Morning.

9.30—Monday's Music.

10.00—Morning Melody.

11.00—Music for All.

1.00—Piano.

12.00—Nostalgia.

12.15—Tune Time.

12.30—Interval Signal.

12.35—Band Call.

1.00—Piano.

1.15—News.

1.30—Orchestral Concert.

2.00—Afternoon Musicale.

4.15—Today's Choice.

4.30—Weekly News.

5.00—Music Makers.

5.15—Children's Corner.

5.30—Harmony Hall.

5.45—Radio Headlines.

6.00—Kingdom of Swing.

6.30—The Jumping Jacks.

6.45—Do You Remember? (Pekin Syndicate).

7.00—Candlelight and Silver (London).

7.45—The Super-Cola Programme.

8.00—BBC News.

8.15—The Stars Sing (Nestlé's).

8.30—The Daily Page Programme.

9.00—Rediffusion Request Show.

9.10—The Carlier Programme.

10.00—BBC World News.

10.10—Local News.

10.15—London Studio Melodies.

10.45—Music for Dancing.

11.00—Stardust.

11.15—Soft Lights and Sweet Music.

Midnight, Close Down.

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H.K.T.

P.M.

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35—"Band Call"—BBC Variety Orchestra. Conducted by Rae Jenkins, with Janet Davis and Chorus. (BBC7S).

1.00—Mel Powell "At the Piano".

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Alfredo and His Orchestra.

1.35—Thakovsky: "Aurora's Wedding"—Ballet Music. London Philharmonic Orchestra. Cond. by Egon Kutz.

2.00—Close Down.

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Daily Programme Summary.

6.05—"Children's Story"—"Catch That Spider!" by Gilbert Dalton. (BBC7S).

7.00—"Strings with Wings"—Featuring George Micherino and His Strings with Paula Green & Wilfred Barnes (Vocal) (ORHS).

7.30—"Postwar Half Hour"—(Studio).

8.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay).

8.15—Linda Carter Talks on Film. (Studio).

8.30—"I Like What I Like"—Presented by St. John Gillan. (Studio).

9.00—"From the Editor's Office." (London Relay).

9.10—Weather Report.

9.15—"Forces Theatre"—"The Glove"—A Mystery Play by Stuart Hardy. (BBC7S).

9.40—"Concerto"—Piano Concerto in D Major "Coronation" K. 237 (Mozart) Wanda Landowska (Piano) with Chamber Orchestra. Conducted by Walter Goehr. (London Relay).

10.10—Alfredo Campoli and His Salon Orchestra.

10.30—Concert To Joe Loss and His Orchestra.

11.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay).

11.15—Weather Report and Summary of News.

11.20—Close Down.

London Physician Lists Medicine's Seven Sins

London, September 10.

A London physician, anxious to make the profession more efficient and human, today listed what he called the "Sins of Medicine."

Writing in the authoritative medical journal "The Lancet," Dr. Richard Asher, physician at the Central Middlesex Hospital in London, listed the Seven Sins as: Obscurity, Cruelty, Bad Manners, Over-specialisation, Love of the Rare, Stupidity and Sloth.

He wrote concerning each:

Obscurity—Doctors talk and write in terms confused with profundity. An example he gave was of a fellow-doctor's statement "It is generally accepted that the evaluation of the nutritional status of a community should include assessment of the environmental conditions under which individual members live and work."

What he wants to say, Dr. Asher said, was "We judge men's health by their working places and their homes."

Cruelty—"Probably the most important and preventable sin in the list," he wrote. "Usually it is due to thoughtlessness and not deliberate. Mental cruelty is common and arises in three ways: (1) By saying too much; (2) By saying too little; and (3) By the patient being forgotten."

He warned "Patients have ears and sotto-voce murmurings about poly syllabic diseases strike needless terror into their hearts."

Doctors are too often physically cruel to patients, Dr. Asher said. "Over-investigation is a form of physical cruelty. If a man

is dying of secondary cancer and the primary cancer will soon be discovered at necropsy (post-mortem examination), it is cruel to make his last days uncomfortable by playing at "Hunt the slipper."

Dr. Asher said "Patients dying of heart failure are happier with out cardiac catheters, arterial punctures and other tests, etc."

What A Beauty

Bad Manners—"I once asked a student to examine the abdomen of a patient lying in an outpatient cubicle. He dashed into the cubicle where she lay, flung back the blanket, plunged his hand on her abdomen, shouted 'Gosh, what a beauty' (he was referring to the patient's enlarged spleen). The greeting 'Good morning, sister' should be avoided, since in America it is equivalent to saying 'How does it honey?'"

Over-specialisation—"It is right that a doctor should have special interest and knowledge about one subject. It is wrong for him to show special indifference and ignorance about all other subjects."

Love of the Rare (spanophylla)—"This sin is more prevalent among students because they lack the experience that teaches which illnesses are common and which are rare. Headache and vomiting is more often due to migraine than to cerebral tumour; A nose-bleeding is more often due to picking the nose than to multiple hereditary haemorrhagic telangiectasis."

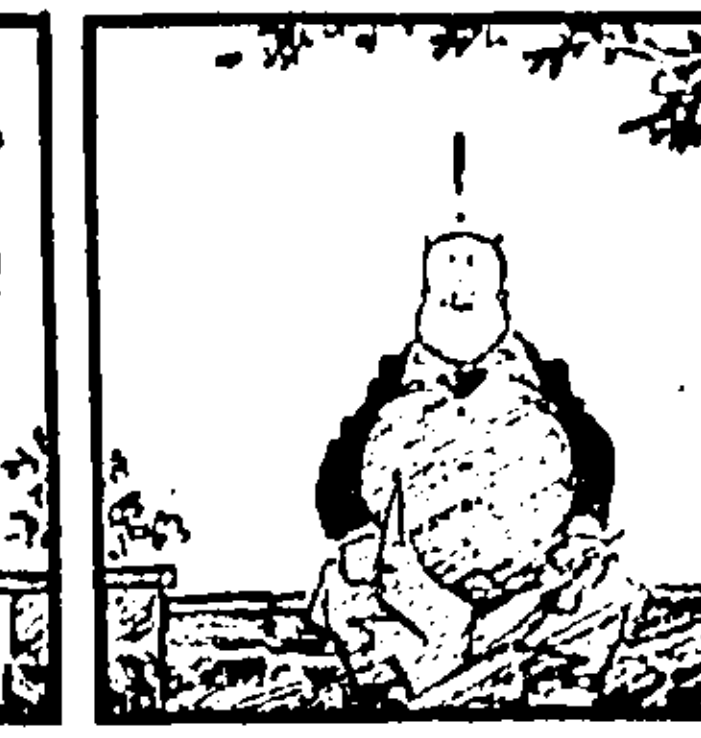
Common Stupidity—"No illness has a rigid code of treatment which must be advised in all circumstances; one must cut one's therapeutic coat according to the mental and economic cloth of one's patient."

Sloth—"Can be physical or mental." Physical sloth, he wrote, "often causes the omission of blood pressure estimations, ophthalmoscopy, or rectal examination and leads to lapses in aseptic ritual."

Mental Sloth—"Do not accept the patient's diagnosis when taking a history—find out his symptoms. If the day is hot, the patient deaf, the doctor in a hurry, and the history garbled with reminiscences and irrelevances, it requires enormous patience and concentration to distill the essence from it."

"If you are too lazy to think for yourselves, you will fail an easy prey to the less thoughtful papers and publications, blindly accepting the myth and mumpsimus."—United Press.

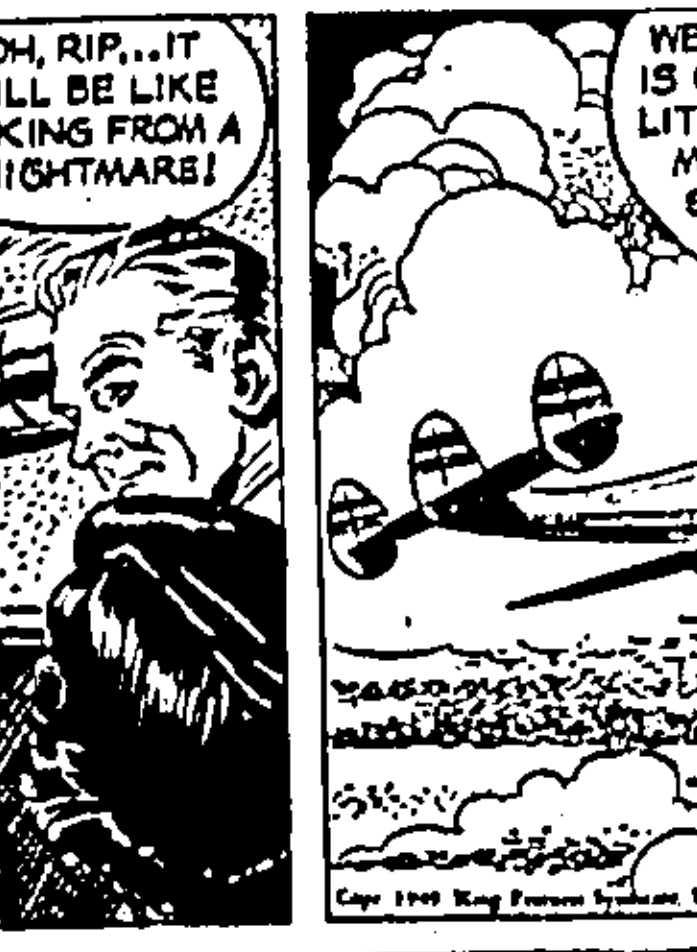
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FRENCH DOLLAR GAP NOT AFFECTED BY BRITISH PROBLEMS

Washington, September 10.
The French Finance Minister, M. Maurice Petsche, said today he did not think that the British crisis would create any further deficits widening the French dollar gap.

He added that the British situation would not really influence exchange relations between France and the United States.

France was not much interested in a rise in the price of gold as a solution to current problems as it would have little influence on the trade position, he told a press conference in Washington.

The Finance Minister avoided a direct answer when asked for his opinion on European currency devaluation.

He said this was a prejudicial question and the solution of it would have to be dealt with by the French Government.

The French Government would help French industry exports on a competitive basis to enter the United States and other markets and he stressed that this would be done by private business organizations and not by the State.

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Labour Trouble Threat Clouds Stock Market

New York, September 11.
The shadow of labour trouble clouded the stock market this week.

Despite the temptation offered by dozens of gauges that the 1949 recession had touched bottom, trading was cautious. In the background was the question whether the steel workers will go out on strike.

That the market was able to rise a trifle was considered impressive in view of this major uncertainty. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, said the country is experiencing normal seasonal upturn and the issue is whether it can get by wage negotiations without strikes.

Strikes in basic industries, he said, will upset an indicated pattern of fall recovery.—Associated Press.

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Demand For Spot Wool Increasing

Boston, September 11.
Further healthy reports were heard this week on demand for spot wool. Woolen types continued to find ready outlet.

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HONG KONG WATERFRONT

BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER

In My Log

Waterfront Quiz...

There's much talk and cross-talk lately as to our identity. Speculation is rife...and very amusing at times. They wonder who we are! This much, however, can we enlighten the curious for the time being—they are my shadow and I (sle).

A tragedy...

We were just about to disembark from the Solar Star at Kowloon Pier at 10.35 p.m. on Wednesday night when the ss. Chuk Sang blew up.

The reaction was as expected. Panic seized the passengers and the inevitable "blab...blab...blab" ensued. Of course with none the wiser until the morning papers blazoned the tragedy in glaring headlines.

One odd thing...no sooner had they calmed down than numerous people flocked to telephones to know what's happening. We had some trouble in getting one to "start cracking" on the job.

The typhoon!

It was a worthy blow...one of the worst Hong Kong had experienced.

Up-to-date figures placed the total harbour inventory at 28 ocean-going ships being grounded—10 "ghost" ships in Plover Cove, seven laid-up vessels in Tolo Harbour, eight "on the run" steamers in the harbour and the remainder on the fringe of local waters.

Damage sustained was mainly through collisions.

The local harbour utility fleet suffered negligible damage, thanks to the well-laid plans of the Marine Department in filtering small craft into anchorages with strict discipline.

No major incident was reported from any of the typhoon shelters.

A submarine...

Veterans along the Praya laughed it out.

They have seen—and are seeing—it practically every day.

The explanation...it is the distant outline of a tug towing two conservancy barges on her routine "dumpling" mission.

Sandwiched between the flat long barges, the low superstructure and funnel of the tug are only visible, thus presenting to the naked eye at some distance the appearance of a sub, which during the week caused a slight furore at Kai Tak.

Welcome into the fold!

The week saw a new face showing up at Roll Call at the Licensing Office, Victoria, of the Marine Department.

He is none other than Victor Roza Noronha, former La Salle College who was recently transferred from the Legal Department to be an Assistant Marine Officer.

Arriving here in 1947 from India, where he served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps as sergeant during the last war, Vic has been with the Government since then.

A renovation!

The Marine Office pier along the Praya is undergoing overhauling and will be out of operation until late next month.

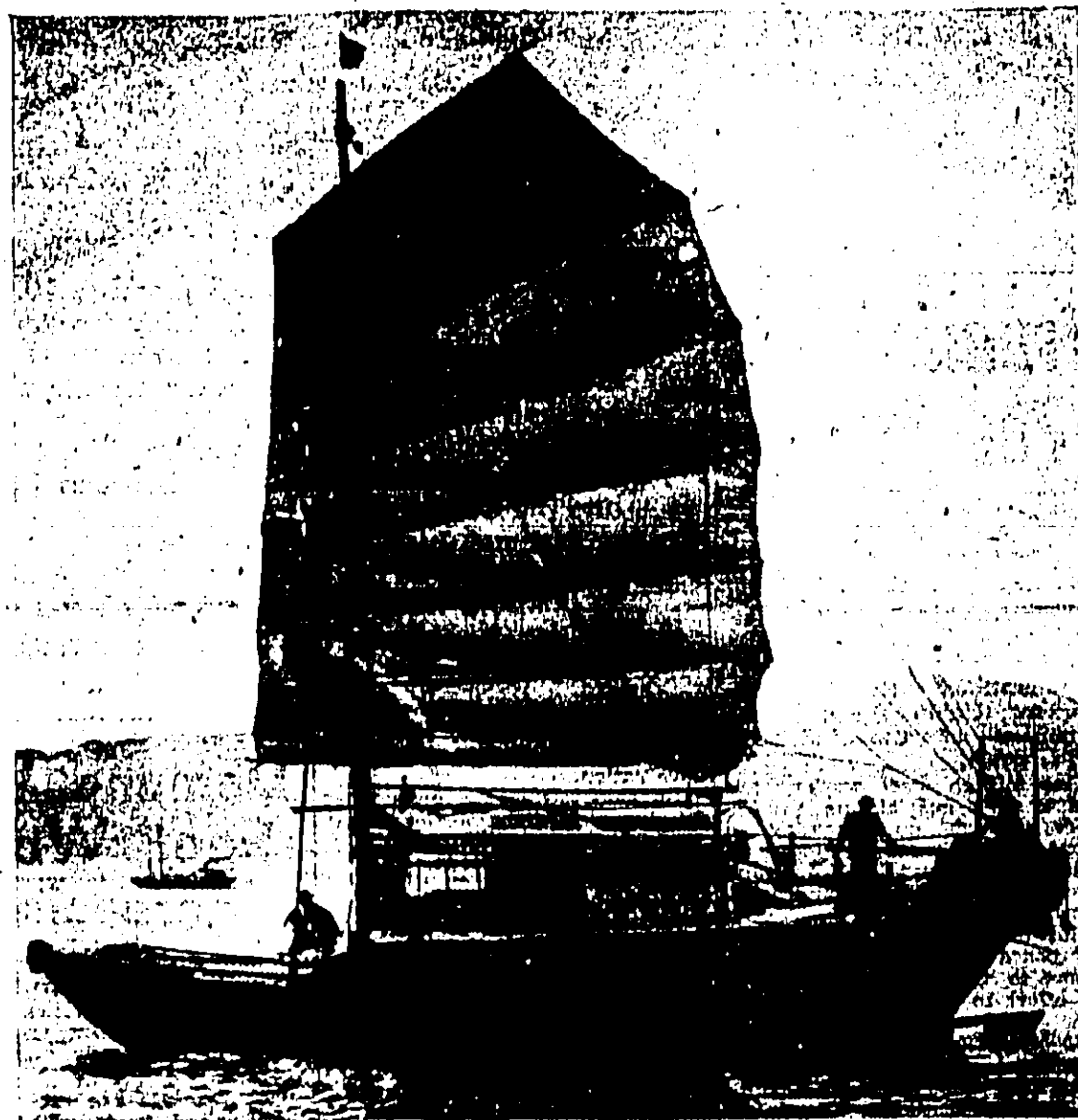
Stripped plank by plank the denuded pier is in state of "chaos" within the fence of tin sheet. The recent typhoon has added considerably to the upheaval.

Meanwhile, personnel of the Marine Department and the Fire Brigade share the latter's newly-renovated pier.

(It may be recalled that not long ago the Fire Brigade pier nearby was likewise subjected to such indignity.)

The Merchant Navy Club...

If there is one thing seamen have in common it is that they



Lining up along the Praya hours before daybreak every day awaiting business, the "Kam Sing Tien"—another typical Hong Kong junk—maintains an important link between ships in port and shore business houses, by ferrying cargo to and fro. ("China Mail" Photo).

"KAM SING TIEN" JUNK

(Editor's Note:—This is the seventh of a series of a pictorial features to acquaint the general public with the numerous types of small native craft operating in local waters and their varied usages.)

Through the courtesy of the Marine Department, it has been possible to identify the craft individually and obtain the necessary particulars.

As old as the Colony itself, the "Kam Sing Tien"—another typical Hong Kong junk—is a development of the dumb cargo junk and made her first appearance in local waters when this port became an important centre of Far Eastern shipping.

Built in three sizes with slight variations in the design, this type of craft is the chief means of cargo water transport in the harbour for local business houses.

When the more prominent godowns are short of their own lighters, the "Kam Sing Tien" is utilized.

The roosting nest of these junks is in the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Anchorage, where several hundred of them huddle together by dusk, to form floating community by itself.

Before dawn—as early as 3 a.m.—they will trickle out to line up along the Praya to await for business. A considerable number is under contract to private import firms.

Others who free-lance and "take what may come" however are seldom out of business.

A familiar sight in the harbour when a ship arrives is the motley cluster of these junks engaged in transporting cargo to shore.

Each has her own identification. Many fly pennants of their respective employers. Others use tassels of varying colours to distinguish themselves.

The one shown in the above picture is the smallest size junk and measures 45 feet by 12 feet with a capacity of 400 piculs.

The largest size is known as the "To Chai" and the medium size is the "Tai Mei Chai." They serve similar purposes on a larger scale.

A peculiar feature of the "Kam

are far from their home, said the Governor when he officially opened the Club recently.

And Sir Alexander is definitely right!

The week saw quite a representative crowd of foreign and British seamen fraternising with one another in congenial atmosphere at the Club house.

The Merchant Navy Club is gradually becoming a favourite haunt of visiting seamen of all nationalities as is apparent by the increasing number of soccer games being played there and the pages of signatures in the Visitors' Book.

Sing Tien" and her "sister junks" is her deep spacious hull for cargo storage. The sails are made of fine canvas or cloth of durable flexibility—to adjust the speed of the vessel the sail is raised and lowered accordingly thus putting continuous strain on its strength.

Each is normally manned by members of one family or its relatives, totalling from eight to 10 persons.

One disadvantage in her utility

is that this type of junk when in ballast is not suitable for sea-going.

It is not uncommon to hear of such craft being caught off her keel by sudden gusts, but very seldom with loss of life, as the personnel are on the qui vive for such occurrences. Property losses, too, are often negligible. These are kept strapped to safe corners preparatory to being "in the drink."

Ship-Building In Germany, Japan

It won't be very long before we will see two former world leading ship-building countries joining the ranks—Germany and Japan.

Recent surveys revealed that Germany can carry out foreign orders besides satisfying home requirements, and the extension of Japanese shipping beyond home waters to make the country self-supporting is under consideration by the Far Eastern Commission.

Present-day facilities in Germany for ship-building and repairs indicate that in spite of war damage and dismantling, the country can complete foreign orders on a large scale besides satisfying its own needs, to present strong competition to British and other ship-building firms.

Shipyards in Germany are already working under pressure, mainly repairing vessels. But each is confident of starting building new ships on a large scale in a relatively short period.

Two of Germany's pride—the Deutsche Werft at Eimkauwerder and the Howaldt Werke—are now maintaining the industry and are equipped to produce large ships. Each is capable of a large annual output.

There are two smaller yards which build small coasters, and fishing trawlers.

The Deutsche Werft, which employs some 3,000 men, is working on repairs to 17 vessels, including 18 from foreign coun-

tries. Two small ships are under construction now. The largest craft under repair is said to be a 10,000-ton Norwegian whale factory ship.

At the Howaldt Werke, which has also some 3,000 artisans, two coasting vessels are being repaired. It has an important yard at Kiel, which is the only one in operation in that area.

In Japan hopes are rising that the "Rising Sun" may be seen in the world ports, especially Hong Kong, very soon.

A draft sent recently to the authorities requests permission to extend Japanese shipping to waters beyond the Yellow Sea to make Japan self-supporting.

This is at present under consideration by the Far Eastern Commission, which originally directed that Japanese vessels operate only in local waters.

(The only vessels which have left Japanese waters are a few tankers ferrying fuel from the Persian Gulf to Japan.)

But SCAP has already given the "green light" to touch off the rehabilitation, by approving 250,000 tons for the September 1949-50 period—this is, incidentally, about one-third of the amount proposed by ship-builders.

Japan is also completing several foreign orders—Panama and France.

With about 75 per cent of her pre-war facilities still serviceable, Japan can produce about 800,000 tons of shipping annually.

But according to Japanese circles the country requires more than 4,000,000 tons to stabilise the nation's livelihood.

However, an eventual total of 4,000,000 tons of merchant shipping for Japan by 1950 has been recommended by a recent survey.

It has been realised in post-war Japan that the fleet Britain the nation must have a powerful merchant navy, because other countries depend upon foreign markets for the essential of exports.



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Sandwich (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta 1
Shirah (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta 2
Wang (Jardine) ex-Calcutta 3
Sirdhana (Mac Mac) ex-Calcutta 4

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